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Interview Summary

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Examiner

ROBERT HODGE

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 22 January 2009.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 6.

Identification of prior art discussed: US 5,464,700.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicants' representative presented proposed amendments to the claims to help distinguish over the prior art. The Examiner proposed the addition of a few limitations to claim 1 to help clarify the amendment and also stated that the amendment to claim 6 does not appear to distinguish over the prior art. The proposed amendments require further search and consideration to determine patentability.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner, Art Unit 1795